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## THE RED DOG SALOON

Lately we have seen a number of Red Dog Saloon items. I don't know why they are appearing at this time, but we thought it might be appropriate to do a short illustrated list of Red Dog Saloon items of which we are aware.



Starting with stickered dollars, we have, left to right: "I've been to the Red Dog Saloon, Juneau, Alaska," black on white; "Ray Mansfield and Gordon Kanouse Juneau Alaska," red on white; and "The Red Dog Saloon (dog)" red on white.



Next, based on apparent age, is a wooden nickel we showed last year.



And the Scottie puts in another appearance on this 37mm brass token. It is bifacial (both sides are the same), but one side is a little convex and the other a little concave.



Presumably from the Red Dog in Juneau (not the other one in Naknek), this piece is gold on red plastic, 40mm.

And finally, a 34mm brass token, a Red Dog Dollar, redeemable in Goods, Services or Cash. This appears to be the most recent of all the tokens.



We heard on Alaska Public Radio that the Red Dog is temporarily closed. It has recently been sold, and the new owners are awaiting the transfer of the liquor license. Projected re-opening date is said to be March 1st.

For a look inside the Red Dog, with Ray Mansfield and Gordon Kanouse, see the post card on page 12.

# EDITOR'S COMMENTS PRICES REALIZED

It must be nearly a record. Two issues completed in less than 20 days! Well, probably not. But this issue just fell together. It was a good thing as I am flying back to Massachusetts to see mom the end of the month. So you will get a quick second dose this year.

It is really odd that I have seen so many Red Dog Saloon items lately. It seemed a logical time to show you some of them. Our thanks to Kurtis Hawk, Dave Philips and Candy Waugaman.

It was a quiet month on eBay, with only one exceptional item, the \$1 from Hawk Inlet. One common and one scarce Yukon token sold for their opening bids, the terms common and scarce appropriate for Yukon tokens. None are truly common.

I can't blame the sellers for placing an opening bid. We do it too. But it always leaves one to wonder where the real value is. If the opening bid was \$100, would they have made it up to the \$250 level? And if no one is paying attention, then a low selling price is no indication of true value either.

Coins related to Antarctica, Military Challenge Coins, ads from Alaska transportation companies, Mt. McKinley medals and a large assortment of items "For the Record" fills out this issue.

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<b>Tanana</b> , Yukon Saloon, 25¢, B-11a	250.00OB
<b>Valdez</b> , Buffet, 12½¢, B-4b	58.00
<b>Dawson, YT</b> , Dewey & Jensen, 12½¢	250.00OB
<b>(Dawson, YT)</b> , Kilgore & Landahl, bifacial	249.99OB
<b>AYPE</b> , Encased Cent, round, 1909 Lincoln	28.75
<b>AYPE</b> , ¼ DWT, NGC-61	219.00OB

OB = Opening Bid NB = No Bid RL = relist  
RNM = Reserve Not Met R = Reserve W = withdrawn  
BIN = Buy it now DNS = Did Not Sell B/O = Best Offer

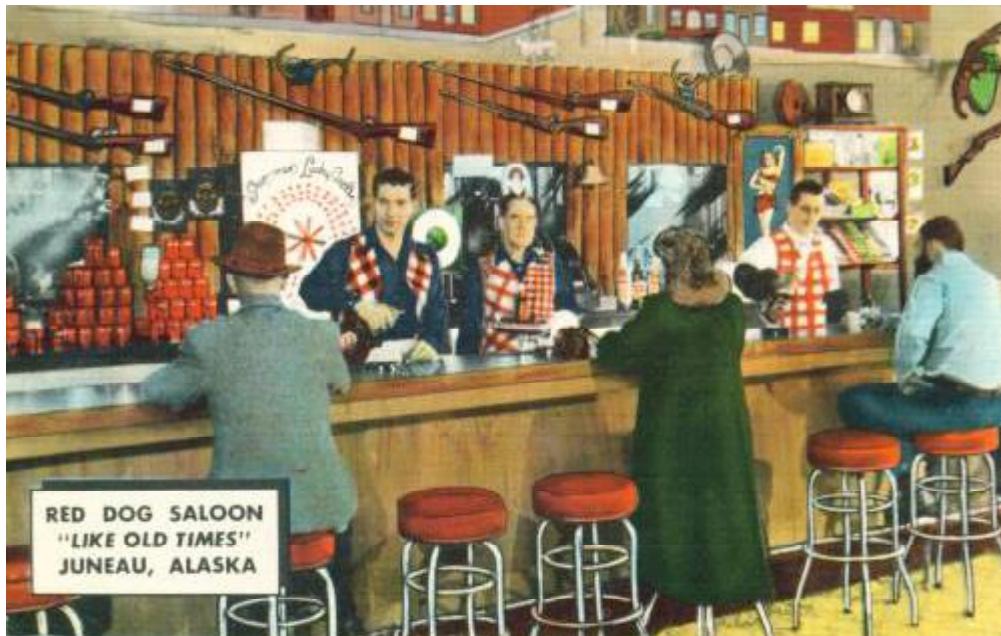
## LITTLE AMERICA



It is hard to believe that this medal has escaped my notice for 32 years! Perhaps it evaded my eBay searches because this was the first seller that realized that this was from Antarctica! Little America was the "capital" of Antarctica until surpassed by McMurdo on the other side of the Ross Sea/Ice Shelf.

I recognize the reverse die, but don't know who the maker was. Can any reader point me in the right direction?

# RED DOG SALOON, JUNEAU, ALASKA



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# ANTARCTIC COINS



We think the neatest to appear recently is the commemorative for Princess Elisabeth Station 10 Euro issued by Belgium. It was designed as the first “Zero Emission” station, using renewable energy (solar, wind).

The coin was issued jointly by the Royal Mint of Belgium and the International Polar Foundation. It is struck in silver, it is 33mm. Even the packaging is attractive!



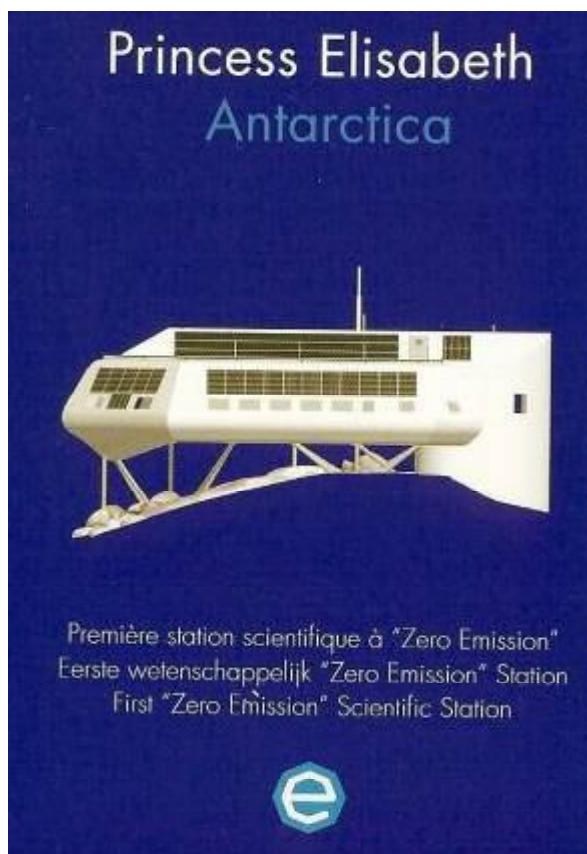
Another interesting silver piece was issued by France for the International Polar Year honoring the centennial of the birth of Paul-Emile Victor. It features a portrait of Victor with icebergs in the background. He guided more than 30 polar missions.

The coin is 37mm, 90% silver. The mintage is 5,000.



Next is a 2007 Polish 2 Zloty honoring Henryk Arctowski and Antoine B. Dobrowski. Both served on the Belgica expedition of 1897-1899.

The design is quite interesting, with a portrait of the two men, and a ship in the background. The ship is



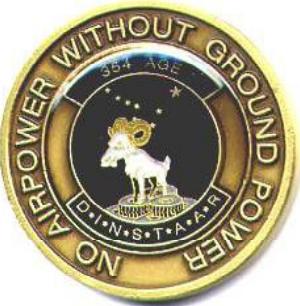
incuse (opposite of raised). It is 27mm and struck in aluminum-bronze.



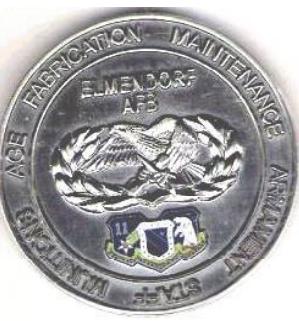
In 2006, Ukraine issued a 5 Hryvinias coin to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Academician Vernadsky station. This was formerly the British Antarctic Service station Faraday. It is located on Galindez Island, in the Argentine Islands off the west coast of the Antarctic Peninsula.

The coin is 35mm and struck in cupronickel. The mintage is 60,000.

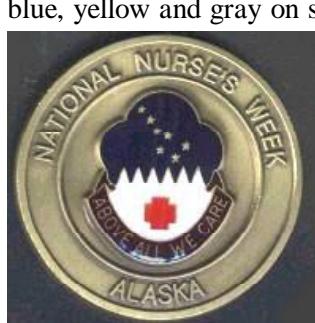
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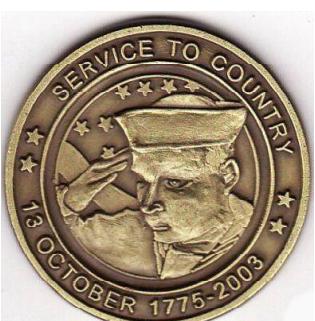
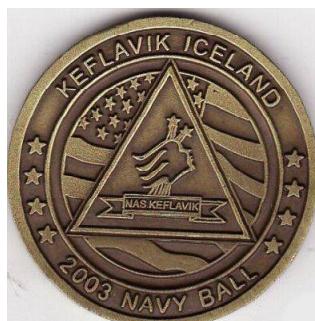
**EIELSON A.F.B.:** 354 AGE (Aerospace Ground Equipment), No airpower without ground power. Black, white, gray and gold on bronze. 40mm.



**ELMENDORF A.F.B.:** 3rd Equip. Maint. Sq., Presented by the Commander in appreciation of Outstanding Performance. Light blue, dark blue, black, white and yellow on bronze, 50mm (illustration reduced).



**ELMENDORF A.F.B.:** 90th Fighter Sq., F-15E Strike Eagle. Bronze.



**FT. WAINWRIGHT (?):** 2-1 Infantry, Semper Primus, Cold Steel, Stryke Hard. Red, white, blue and gold on silver colored metal.

**NAS KEFLAVIK, ICELAND:** Navy Ball, 2003. Service to Country, 11 October 1775-2003. Bronze.

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Transportation ads from Alaska Life magazine, 1944 (submitted by Ron Benice).



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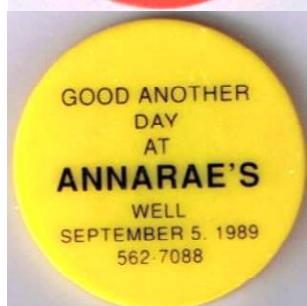
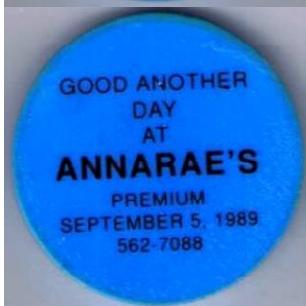
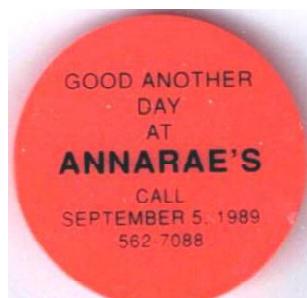
- 12 Round Trips between Juneau and Douglas
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# FOR THE RECORD



**(ANCHORAGE):** Al Aska Shrine Annual, North/South Classic. Red on wood. Appears to be an admittance pass for an annual football game (submitted by David Philips).



**(ANCHORAGE):** Annarae's, Another good day, September 5, 1989. Three different drink tokens: Call (black on red); Premium (black on blue); and Well (black on yellow). All plastic "wooden nickel," 38mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**DOUGLAS:** Louies Douglas Inn, Good for one drink. Gold on black plastic, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**EIELSON A.F.B.:** Concession Laundromat, 1981. Brass, 22mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**(ESTER):** Kazenoff, Been there, found that. A geocaching wood. Black on wood (submitted by David Philips) Illustrated at the top of the next column.



**JUNEAU:** Bouy Deck, Rain Check. Gold on red plastic, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**JUNEAU:** Thane Orehouse, bifacial. Gold on yellow plastic, 40mm (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

## FOR THE RECORD, CONT.

## Mt. McKINLEY MEDALS



**JUNEAU:** Triangle Club, good for one beer. Black on white plastic, 43mm, illustration reduced (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**(SOLDOTNA):** Mykel's, Good for one drink. Black on wood (submitted by Ken Rieck).



**WASILLA:** Next to New, recycling symbol. Black on wood (submitted by David Philips).

## MYSTERY TOKEN FEEDBACK

Ron Benice writes: In Mystery Token feedback on page 62 of the September 2006 issue of ATC&PN, Lee Poleske mentioned that the Seattle Bar started as the Seattle Saloon in 1904 and changed to the Seattle Bar somewhere along the line before 1918. The 1905 Polk shows both Charles Tecklenburg and John Cummings as owning the Seattle Bar, so the name change came quickly.



The Northwest Territorial Mint has issued a series of mountain climbing medals, including in the series medals for Mt. McKinley (Denali). There are Mountain Climber, Summiteer, and the Bench Mark medals. The Mountain Climber and Summiteer medals are available in bronze, MerlinGold (a proprietary brass alloy), silver and silver with gold relief, while the Bench Mark medal is available in bronze. Check out their website at <http://store.nwtmint.com/category/62/ALL>

# FOR THE RECORD - One Ounce Silver



**ALASKA:** Alaska Communications Systems, May 1999. Minted by Evergreen Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

**ALASKA:** U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines. Alaska state seal. Minted by Northwest Territorial Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



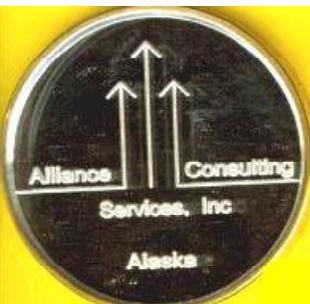
**ALASKA:** Alaska Airlines, B-737 200QC. Commemorating 25 years of service to Alaska. Long Live the Mudhen and those who flew her, 1981-2007. Minted by Alaska Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

**ANCHORAGE:** Alaska Pacific University. One ounce silver with gold highlighting around lettering along rim. Minted by the Alaska Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ALASKA:** Alaska Gold, one ounce silver with small gold flake in gold pan, by Evergreen Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

**VALDEZ:** Ahtna Construction, Valdez Business Unit, 2 years without a recordable injury, March 1, 2006. Minted by Alaska Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).



**ALASKA:** Alliance Consulting Services, 2004. Alaska map in gold relief. Minted by Alaska Mint (submitted by Kurtis Hawk).

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